

**A. Clean Version of Replacement Paragraph/Section/Claim
with Instructions for Entry**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims of corresponding number.

5. A fixing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said guide is formed as a bore (5a) and/or as a recess (5b).
6. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein two, three or more guides (5) are formed in said fixing device.
7. A fixing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fixing device comprises a section provided with a screw thread.
8. A fixing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fixing device comprises a section formed as a nail and/or a section with edges running approximately parallel to the direction of insertion.
9. A fixing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fixing device comprises an element (4) tapered at its lower end.
10. A fixing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fixing device comprises a connecting element or a recess (3a), wherein tools can be positioned or devices (10, 11) can be attached.
11. A fixing system comprising a fixing device (1) as set forth in claim 1 and at least one securing element (6) at least partially inserted into said guide (5a, 5b).

13. A fixing system as set forth in claim 11, wherein said guide (5a, 5d) of said fixing device (1) and said securing element (6) are formed in such a way that said securing element (6) inserted into said fixing device (1) exhibits substantially no play.

14. A positioning system comprising a fixing system (1, 6) as set forth in claim 11 and a positioning element (11) fixed to it.

16. A positioning system as set forth in claim 14, wherein said positioning element is a reference star (11).

19. A fixing device as set forth in claim 17, wherein at least one fixing section, in particular a recess (21a), is provided in the fixing device (21), in particular for attaching a positioning element (11).

20. A fixing system comprising a fixing device as set forth in claim 17, and elements guided in the guides (23a, 23b), in particular Kirschner wires or Schanz screws.